



**NEW PRESIDENT** of the Young Home Builder's Council, Ralph Garland of Torrance, chats with the 1963 president, Victor R. Johnson, on the right. The YHBC is the educational arm of the Home Builders Association of Los

Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties. Garland has been a Torrance home builder and subdivider for 17 years, and is president of a local construction company.

## COUNTY ASSESSOR URGES PROPERTY TAX REFORM

County Assessor Phil Watson today called for a fixed limit to property taxation and the end of the tax on household furnishings.

Addressing the Assembly Interim Committee on Revenue and Taxation this afternoon, Watson told the legislators that excessive taxation can destroy the value of property. He urged that a two per cent limit of taxes to market value be enacted into law, pointing out that such limits were already in force for taxing privately-owned airplanes and automobiles.

"Surely the homeowner is entitled to as much protection as the owner of an airplane or automobile," Watson said.

Termining the tax on household furnishings "a nuisance," Watson pointed out that it takes almost 10 per cent of the total budget in the Assessor's department to administer furniture assessment, but the tax return is less than one per cent of the total revenue.

The Assessor also called for the establishment of a statewide, standard assessment ratio of 25 per cent of market value, as a protection both to the taxpayer and the Assessor against the pressure that can be brought by taxing agencies to force increases in the assessment base as a device for raising more taxes.

Watson, who had been asked by the Assembly Committee to outline what he saw as the most urgent areas for assessment and tax reform, also called for legislative clarification of the veteran exemption, a thorough study of all existing exemptions, particularly in the so-called "no-profit" category, an end to the authority of the legislature to grant "special interest" exemptions, the assessment of business inventories on the annual average rather than upon the quantity on hand on the first Monday in March, and extension of present laws empowering an Assessor to conduct post-audits of property statements.

## Local Man Helps Plan Cal Poly's Homecoming Fete

Gary Ritchie of Torrance has been named to the 1963 California State Polytechnic College (Kellogg Campus), Pomona, homecoming committee. The annual homecoming celebration included a barbeque, rally and dance on Nov. 22 as well as the traditional football game itself on Nov. 23.

Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs.

**SET WORKSHOP**  
Plans for a Christmas party and dinner meeting were made by the Lioness Club of Torrance at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Robert Williams, 3126 El Dorado. Mrs. John Bardley, new member, and Mrs. Paul Buram were welcomed into the group. Hostess at a Christmas workshop will be Mrs. Milton Isbell.

W. M. Ritchie of 819 Beech, is a junior majoring in agricultural business management.

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## Hi-Y and Tri-Y Officers Picked

All of the Torrance YMCA Hi-Y and Tri-Y clubs have been busy selecting their slate of officers for the year. The coordinating body, Interclub Council, elected Bruce Clelland, president; Karin Carlson, secretary, and Kathy Forrest, chaplain. The council is busy preparing for the Navajo Indian project and a future World Service in which all clubs will be helping.

Newer clubs elected these young people as their presidents for the first term: Dan

DeLana, Sebastians; Jordan Katchofski, Scavengers; Melinda Oden, Del-Tares; Chris Matlock, Theas, and Ellen Banks, Daffodils.

Older clubs selected: Dyrek Van Dusen, Martyrs; Ted Pettipiece, Domini; Kathy Schaffe, Sor'Rells; Penny Barnard, Torrance; Karin Carlson, Diors; and Kathi Edwards, Debbonnaines. Mike Renz has been re-elected the president of

## ALERT MOTORIST

The alert motorist doesn't rely completely on the driver ahead to tell him when to pass, the All State Motor Club says. He realizes other drivers mean well, but can be subject to error.

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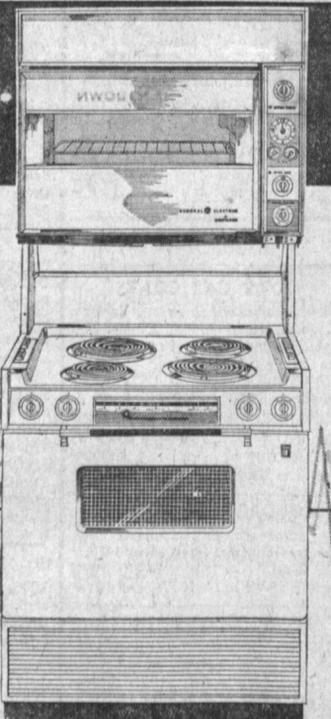
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